

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 5B has been amended to include an Alanine residue (“A”) at the C-terminus of the sequence. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in Figure 5A. As described at page 12, lines 33-36 of the specification, Figure 5A shows the polynucleotide sequence (start and stop codons are underlined) encoding a human native TACIs sequence and Figure 5B shows its putative amino acid sequence. Translation of the following sequence at nucleotides 746-757 of Figure 5A, CCA-GGT-GCA-TAA, results in the following amino acid sequence, Pro-Gly-Ala-STOP. Figure 5B has been amended to include the Alanine, which was inadvertently omitted from the original figure.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the drawings and the specification to correct a typographical error in Figure 5B and its corresponding figure legend. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in Figure 5A.

Applicants have amended the claims to modify claim dependencies and to bring the claims into conformity with the election. New claims 53-56 have been added and find support throughout the specification and the claims, for example, in original claims 1, 24, and 33 and at paragraph [0073] of the published application (U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0043516). No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

In reply to the species election as set forth in the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 3, 2006, Applicants elect the following additional species:

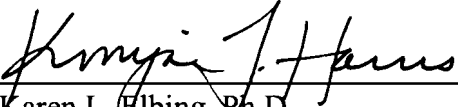
- b) humanized; and
- c) a cytotoxic agent.

Applicants identify claims 1-5, 14, 23, 25, 28, 31, 37, 38, 46, and 50-56 as encompassing subject matter related to each of the elected species. The election is made without traverse. This election is made expressly without waiver of Applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

Also enclosed are a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office Communication dated April 13, 2007 for five months, to and including October 15, 2007, as October 13, 2007 is a Saturday, and a check in payment of the required extension fee. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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